The regular meeting of the Kershaw County Council was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Kershaw County Government Center.

Council Present: Julian Burns David Snodgrass Sammie Tucker, Jr. Tom Gardner

Al Bozard Ben Connell Jimmy Jones

Staff Present: Vic Carpenter Danny Templar Merri Seigler Nathan Tisdale Ken DuBose Michael Conley Amy Schofield Barry Nelson

Sandra Brown Pam Mahoney Tyrell Cato

Members of the public and representatives of the media were present.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, copies of the agenda were sent to the newspapers, TV and radio stations, citizens of the county, department heads and posted on the website.

Chairman Burns called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance, after which he gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Brian Baker requested assistance for the runoff water on Truesdale Road in Lugoff.

Ms. Amy Schofield reintroduced/introduced herself to Council. Ms. Schofield is the former librarian for Kershaw County and has returned to the job. She is happy to be back.

## ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Tucker moved to delete item #3 under New Business and include it with the Second Reading of the Budget Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Snodgrass.

In Favor: Julian Burns David Snodgrass Sammie Tucker, Jr. Tom Gardner

Al Bozard Ben Connell

Opposed: Jimmy Jones

Councilman Gardner moved to approve the amended budget, seconded by Vice-Chairman Tucker.

In Favor: Julian Burns David Snodgrass Sammie Tucker, Jr. Tom Gardner

Al Bozard Ben Connell

Opposed: Jimmy Jones

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Chairman Tucker moved to approve the minutes of May 12, 2020, seconded by Councilman Gardner.

In Favor: Julian Burns David Snodgrass Sammie Tucker, Jr. Tom Gardner

Al Bozard Ben Connell Jimmy Jones

Councilman Gardner moved to approve the minutes of May 19, 2020 called meeting, seconded by Councilman

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In Favor: Julian Burns David Snodgrass Sammie Tucker, Jr. Tom Gardner

Al Bozard Ben Connell Jimmy Jones

#### **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

### COVID-19 Update – Mr. Vic Carpenter

Mr. Carpenter noted businesses are opening slowly. Testing is being conducted more frequently and we are seeing 5-7 new cases daily. The Courthouse will be open in August. That is dictated by the State.

# COVID-19 Grant Updates - Rev. John Lee, Chairman

Rev. Lee reported 242 businesses have received checks for a total of \$741,200 and an average of \$3062 per business. The Committee will provide a final list of recipients.

#### RESOLUTION

A Resolution Adopting the Kershaw County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2020-2025

This resolution is in conjunction with the Santee Lynches Region. Councilman Bozard moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Vice-Chairman Tucker.

In Favor:

Julian Burns

**David Snodgrass** 

Sammie Tucker, Jr.

Tom Gardner

Al Bozard

Ben Connell

Jimmy Jones

#### **ORDINANCES**

Second Reading in Title Only of An Ordinance to Provide Budget Appropriations for County Purposes in the County of Kershaw for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2020 and Ending June 30, 2021 and Adopt and Implement the Charge and Collection of Service and User Rates and Fees; and for Other Tax Purposes and County Appropriation Purposes

There will be a called meeting on June 30 for a final reading and Public Hearing on the budget ordinance. Mr. Carpenter, in order to balance the budget, has issued a hiring freeze, no elective travel or training, and capital projects not yet awarded are on hold. Vice-Chairman Tucker moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Bozard.

In Favor:

Julian Burns

**David Snodgrass** 

Sammie Tucker, Jr.

Tom Gardner

Al Bozard

Ben Connell

Opposed:

Jimmy Jones

Second Reading of an Ordinance by Kershaw County Council to Revise the Kershaw County Airport

Commission Ordinance in Response to Kershaw County's Transformed Role and Duties at the Kershaw County

Airport and to Provide for Matters Related Thereto

This updates the Airport Commission to allow for the removal of the FOB and the transition to the County operating the airport. Councilman Snodgrass moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Bozard.

In Favor:

Julian Burns

**David Snodgrass** 

Sammie Tucker, Jr.

Tom Gardner

Al Bozard

Ben Connell

Jimmy Jones

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

# Lugoff Fire Department Budget

Chief Chris Spitzer outlined the budget. He thanked Council for their support during his recent accident.

# Capital Lease Financing of Purchased Equipment Bid

Councilman Gardner moved to approve the bid from BB&T of 1.37% for three years for a total of \$268.145, seconded by Councilman Snodgrass.

In Favor:

Julian Burns

David Snodgrass

Sammie Tucker, Jr.

Tom Gardner

Al Bozard

Ben Connell

Jimmy Jones

# County Council Goals and Objectives

Moved to discussion of the Budget Ordinance.

# **Human Relations Commission**

Vice-Chairman Tucker would like to reactivate this commission and make it a County commission. He requested it be placed on the July 14 agenda along with representatives from the State Human Relations Commission. Mr. Tucker requested any suggestions please be submitted to him or the Clerk to Council.

#### COUNCIL BRIEFINGS

# Councilman Bozard

No report

### Councilman Connell

Mr. Connell applauded the United Way, Radiant Church, and the Town of Elgin for providing meals during the COVID19 pandemic. The Dog Park in Lugoff is nearing completion.

### Councilman Jones

Mr. Jones offered his appreciation for all the Vice-Chairman has done regarding the Disaster Relief Fund. He thanked all for their participation. Mrs. Amy Kinard has done a good job of administering the process.

# Councilman Snodgrass

Mr. Snodgrass noted COVID19 testing is available throughout the County. He is proud of the community's response to the protests. He urged everyone to keep on keeping on.

# Vice-Chairman Tucker

Mr. Tucker thanked both the Council and the Chamber for their work on the Disaster Relief Grant. We are in the top 20 states for COVID19. He asked everyone to be more vigilant and cautious. He addressed Mr. Baker regarding the runoff water on his property and assured him the County would do all possible to help him.

# Councilman Gardner

As a person with a compromised immune system, he encourages everyone to wear a mask.

### Chairman Burns

Mr. Burns congratulated Mrs. Mara Jones on her return to the Alpha Center. He thanked Ms. Amy Schofield and Chief Chris Spitzer for their attendance. Mr. Burns reminded Council the Boards and Commissions need their attention. He believes wearing a mask is common courtesy. A letter has been sent to Central SC Alliance.

### Administrator

Mr. Carpenter informed Council Truesdale Avenue had been worked on last week.

### Legal

No report

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chairman Tucker moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Gardner.

In Favor: Julian Burns

**David Snodgrass** Sammie Tucker, Jr. Tom Gardner

Al Bozard Ben Connell Jimmy Jones

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Date Approved

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